THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) No, Sir. The BICP conducted cost-cum-technical study on the cost data of M/s. Boots, M/s. Unique and M/s. Camlin.

(b) and (c) To the extent information is available, the production of M/s. Boots for the year 1989-90 was 0.83 MT and in respect of M/s. Metroni Drugs, the production during 1989-90 was 2.90 MT.

(d) No such information/complaint has been received by the Government.

(e) The price of this bulk drug was increased due to impact of change of exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies taking into consideration cost data available with the Government and in consultation with the BICP.

(f) and (g) The details will be collected from the company and laid on the Table of the House.

Highest and lowest imported price of bulk drugs

1142. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1992 and state :

(a) what was the difference between the highest and lowest import price which came to the notice of his Ministry in respect of each of the bulk drugs referred to ;

(b) whether it is a fact that his predecessor ignored the highest import price and worked out the average of the remaining importers to eliminate over-invoicing ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have dispened with the practice and has started obliging the individual importers under the able advice of his Development Commissioner ;

(d) what is the position regarding pricing of Carbamezepine formulation pricing ;

(e) what are the names of drugs, where higher prices of bulk drug have been taken in fixation of formulation prices both indigenous production price or imported price during 1991-92 ; and

(f) what was the price taken in each case and what was the average imported price and the indigenous price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) This Ministry received complaints/ Member of Parliament's letters alleging overinvoicing of imports of drugs/drug intermediates. These cases of overinvoicing were referred to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence/Enforcement Directorate. As already answered, there was no evidence to conclude any contravention of FERA, 1973.

(b) and (c) For price fixation of formulations based on imported scheduled bulk drugs, DPRC Sub Committee under Chairmanship of Member (Finance), BICP, which is responsible for recommending to prices of formulations to this department, adopts the price of bulk drugs claimed by the concerned formulators or the weighted average landed cost worked out by DGHS on the basis of total imports, whichever is lower. Price fixation is being done as per provisions of the DPCO, 1987.

(d) Carbamazapine is an imported bulk drug. DGHS weighted average import price is taken into account while fixing the prices of formulations. However, in case of peadriatic syrup the actual landed cost was taken into account in view of quality consideration.

(e) and (f) During the year 1991-92 the prices of around 3000 formulations have been fixed/revised. The time and labour involved in collecting the requisite details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Not Filling Counter Affidavit in Flucort's case

1143. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question